

The Barber Papers

HAITI

INITIATING AUTHORITY:

HERMANN STRULLER, NYC;

SUCCESSOR FIRM: SCOVILLE

Date Range of Correspondence: 5/16/1903 - 11/7/1904

Number of Documents: 15

Art Work: 3 sizes of portraits of the President, intended for a 50c, a 20c, and a 10c silver coins; reverse of a 5c nickel coin. Included is a Haitian one Gourde banknote with the President's portrait. On an undated sheet, Barber worked out the price he would charge for making the hubs and dies for the four coins (these notes are in Barber's hand).

Significance: In addition to showing that Barber made the hubs and dies for the Haitian coins, the hand written correspondence shows that he was responsible for setting the prices for outside projects that he undertook while serving as the Engraver at the U.S. Mint (this is strongly reinforced by similar documents in the Barber files dealing with other countries).

Estimate given to representative
of Hayti

Three silver pieces 50¢ 20¢
10¢ \$12.00 for master dies and
hubs and \$300 for nickel
Coin

Coinage dies 15⁰⁰ per pair

silver

400.000.	12 1/2	Grammes	4
3.000.000	5	"	30
6.000.000	2 1/2	"	60

Nickel.

2.000.000	2 3/100	Grammes	
Alloy Co. 75 - N. 25			20"

M. Gaffard Cesar

31-33 Broadway

N.Y.

estimate for
Hatch.

HERMANN STRULLER,
No. 118 BROAD STREET.

PER STR.

CABLE ADDRESS:
HERMSTRULL.

A1 CODE.
A B C TELEGRAPHIC CODE, FOURTH EDITION.
WATKIN'S CODE.
LIESER'S CODE.

NEW YORK.

May 16/1903

Chas. E. Barber Esq.
Engraver - U. S. Mint - Phil^a Pa
Dear Sir,

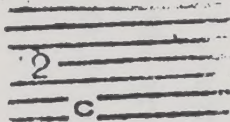
Your favor of the 9th inst., received
and contents noted with best thanks. - I have also
heard today, from the Director of the mint regarding the
cost of striking off the coins and am submitting your
inquiry to me, correspondents in Paris.

Yours very truly
Hermann Struller

HERMANN STRULLER,

116 BROAD STREET,

NEW YORK.



Chas. E. Barber Esq
Engraver's Department
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Recd for May 16

SPECIFICATIONS FOR HAITIAN COINS.

FIRST - To be size of sample submitted herewith.

SECOND - Obverse side to show the effigy of the President of Haiti, with the year of issuance beneath and surrounding the effigy, the words - "République D'Haiti" (No star or other ornamentation).

Reverse side, the arms of the Republic as shown on Five cent (5¢) coin recently issued, per sample herewith, with the words - "Liberté Egalité Fraternité" and underneath the figure five (5) in arabic.

If thought necessary or even desirable, the arms may be slightly reduced in area, so as to leave a little more room at the bottom, for the figure five.

Likenesses of the President submitted herewith are none of them in profile. It is thought to be desirable to show the head in profile, if a satisfactory likeness can be worked out from the photograph and other models submitted herewith.

The hardness and thinness of the metal in the coin make it imperative that the relief shall be as low as consistent for good work.

Pencil sketch to be made of at least the obverse side and submitted for approval to Mr. Geffrard Cesvet, 31 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Dies to be made in the shortest time possible and it is hoped that they may be ready in four (4) weeks.

F. J. Kingsbury, Vice Pres?
Wm. L. Sperry, Secy

C. P. Goss, Pres? & Treas.

Edw. A. O. Goss, Asst? Treas.
J. R. Hyde, Jr., Asst? Secy.

Scovill Manufacturing Company.
ESTABLISHED A. D. 1867.
Waterbury, Conn.

Depot:
75 Spring St. New York.
210 Lake St. Chicago.
170 Summer St. Boston.

C. P. GOSS, GEN'L MGR

Sept 22, 1904

Mr C.E.Barber,

C/O U.S.Mint,

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir,--

Referring to the Haytian dies, we can send type that we used on the other dies, if this will save any time, or expense, or both.

If no change is to be made in the reverse side, would you recommend our using our present die, merely adding the numeral 5 ?

If this were done, it would of course hasten the delivery of the two dies appreciably.

We suppose that you will make a slight allowance in the convexity of the obverse die for the change from the figure 5 as it appears on the old coin, to the head of the President, as it will appear in the new.

Yours truly,

Scovill Mfg. Co.

J. R. Hyde, Jr.

F. J. Kingsbury, Vice Pres.
Mark L. Sperry, Secy

C. P. Goss, Pres. & Treas.

Edw. A. O. Goss, Asst. Treas.
J. R. Hyde, Jr., Asst. Secy

Scovill Manufacturing Company.

ESTABLISHED A. D. 1862.

75-77 Spring Street

New York, Sept. 27th, 1904

H. W. STEELE, AGENT.

Factories:

Waterbury, Conn.

Address all communications to the Company.

C. E. Barber, Esq.

U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir-

I had an interview last evening with Mr. Cesvet.

He is inclined to think that he will accept the classical style of head, but desires to confer with his Minister on this subject. I have therefore left with him the two sketches for the obverse side of the coin. He asks me to impress upon you that the subject is of the African race, is eighty-seven (87) years of age, has a thin figure with sloping shoulders. I told him that the little pencil sketch was not intended to be a portrait, but an outline and that when the work was put on the die all these particulars would be brought out in detail.

He has cabled for a profile photograph and as soon as it is received will forward it to you.

Meantime, he suggested that you proceed with the die for the reverse side of the coin. Of course, I understand that you purposefully omitted some of the small details of the design in this pencil sketch; as for instance the little muskets that show on the flags and the in-

C. E. Barber, Esq.

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Sept. 27th, 1904.

scription - "L'union fait la force" on the banderole. The arrangement and the size of the figure five (5) please Mr. Cesvet.

Yours truly,

A. R. Hyde

F. J. Houghwry, Vice Pres.
Mark L. Perry, Sec'y

C. P. Goss, Pres't & Treas.

Edw. C. Goss, Asst. Treas.
F. W. Hyde, Jr., Asst. Sec'y.

Scovill Manufacturing Company.

ESTABLISHED A. D. 1802.

Waterbury, Conn.

Oct 1, 1904

Depots:
123 Beacon St. New York.
110 Lake St. Chicago.
170 Summer St. Boston.

C. P. GOSS, GEN'L MGR.

Mr Charles E Barber,

c/o U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir,--

Yours of the 28th ult. received. In response would say that Mr Cosvet expects to receive the profile photograph on or about Oct. 7th and will forward it immediately to you. We suppose that you will probably prefer to have him approve the model, before you go to the labor of making a complete die. Doubtless your view of the propriety in the case will be satisfactory to him; it would to us. As we understand it, they want the head to show what would be called a good likeness, but if it flatters the gentleman a little, probably neither he nor any of his compatriots will object.

Yours truly,

Scovill Mfg. Co.

F. W. Hyde, Jr.

*He will also
decide as to
the design.*

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL D'HAÏTI
31-33 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.



Charles E. Barber Esq.
Minist of the United States

Philadelphia,
Pa.

No. 166

New York, September 30th 1904Charles E. Barber Esq
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to excuse me for not having acknowledged earlier the receipt of your favor of Sept. 23rd, enclosing the rough sketches of our new nickel coins.

I saw Mr. Hyde of the Seovill Buff Co. on Tuesday, and he must have already written to ask you to proceed with the reverse side of the coin, awaiting the arrival of the profile photograph of the President I cabled for.

I have received yesterday by cable the answer from the President, stating that the profile picture would reach New York on the 7th of October. I shall lose no time in forwarding same to you.

I fully understand that the sketches sent were in no wise intended for portraits, but perhaps it is better you should have the profile picture, in order to have the correct lines.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours very truly

J. J. Anderson
Comptroller General of Haiti

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL D'HAÏTI

31-33 BROADWAY,

N^o. 171

New York, October 7th 1904

Charles E. Barber Esq
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir,

With the authorization of the
Sevill Trust Co., I take pleasure in
forwarding to you herewith the profile
photograph of the President, I have
just received from Haiti.

In regard to the effigy on the
nickel coins, the classic style will
be quite satisfactory.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours Truly,

J. J. [Signature]

Consul General of Haiti

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL D'HAÏTI

31-33 BROADWAY.

N^o 174

New York, October 12th 1904

Charles S. Barber Esq.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 11th by which you announce the sending of the mold of the President's head for my approval.

To my belief, it is very artistically done. Would you allow me, however, to make a couple of remarks of little consequence?
1st Do you not think that the words "Republique" and "D'Haïti" could be closer. I think it would surely look much better.

2nd As much as I can remember, the President has not that little double-chin, he being a tall and lean man, and his face inclined to be long. It may appear thus on the profile photograph sent, but it is probably on account of the uniform collar being too tight, which causes the flabby skin to protrude.

However, I leave it entirely to your good judgement, and knowing how anxious my Government is to receive the coins, I hasten to return, by U. S. Express, the mold duly approved.

Yours very truly
P. J. and C. Smith
Consul General

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, PRESIDENT.

TELEGRAM

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Waterbury Conn 17

C E Barber

1625 N 17 St Phila

Wire quick when Haitian dies will be ready cesvet very importunate

Scovill Mfg W Co

Received at
Poplar 81-05-A. D. I. Co.
(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT.)

F. J. Kingsbury, Vice Pres't.
Mark L. Sherry, Sec'y

C. P. Goss, Pres't & Treas.

Edward C. Goss, Asst. Treas.
T. R. Hyde, Jr., Asst. Sec'y.

Depot:
75 Spring St., New York
210 Lake St., Chicago
170 Summer St., Boston

C. P. GOSS, GEN'L MGR

Scovill Manufacturing Company.

ESTABLISHED A. D. 1802.

Waterbury, Conn.

Nov 7, 1904

Mr Charles E. Barber,

c/o United States Mint,

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir,--

Your favor of Nov. 5th, addressed to Mr T. R. Hyde, Jr. was opened by myself.

In this connection I want to advise you that it would be well for you to address all business communications to the company, rather than to Mr Hyde, and thus save annoying delays in reply. I have been informed that previous letters, in regard to this matter, have also been addressed to Mr Hyde. Mr Hyde has been sick for a number of weeks and unable to attend to even the smallest matters connected with business, and has now left home for rest and quiet some place in Pennsylvania. He either had, or was very seriously threatened with a siege of nervous prostration. I have found ^{the} a bill for the Hayti dies, and have ordered the same paid, and check will go forward with this letter. I am sorry there has been any delay over this matter, but there would have been less if you had addressed the correspondence to the company, instead of having the letters go up to Mr Hyde's house. The dies of course have been received and we are at work, have already made two or three shipments on account of our contract. All seems to be going on in fairly good shape.

With kind regards to all,

Yours truly,

Scovill Mfg. Co.

C. P. Goss, Jr.

F. J. Kingsbury, Vice Pres.
Mark L. Perry, Sec'y.

C. P. Goss, Pres't & Treas.

Edw. H. Goss, Asst. Treas.
J. W. Hyde, Jr., Asst. Sec'y.

Depot:
1256 Locust St. Phila. Pa.
240 Lake St. Chicago
170 Summer St. Boston.

Scovill Manufacturing Company.

ESTABLISHED A. D. 1802.

C. P. GOSS, GENERAL MGR.

Waterbury, Conn.

Sept 24, 1904

Mr Chas. F. Barber,

c/o U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir,--

Yours of yesterday received. We note that you think it best to make a new die for the reverse side of the coin, and this is entirely satisfactory to us.

You are correct in what you say about the cornucopia and the bundle of fasces. Mr Cesset does not care to have this put on, if we want to leave it off, but is indifferent about it. We will tell him that unless otherwise directed we are going to omit both the cornucopia and the fasces.

Yours truly,

Scovill Mfg. Co.

J. A. Hyde

New York, October 25, 1904.
Mr. Chas. E. Barber,
Minist^r of the United States,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sir:

I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday and of the accompanying five cent coin made from the dies just completed.

I think the work well done. I am quite satisfied with it, and I thank you for hurrying it forward to so prompt a completion.

I must also thank you for sending the dies to the Seovill company, for they will now be able to begin the coinage without further delay.

Yours very respectfully,

Jefferson Davis

CONSULAT GÉNÉRAL D'HAÏTI
31-33 BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.



Mr. Chas. E. Barber,
Minister of the United States,
Philadelphia,
Penn'a.



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Handwritten text in cursive script, partially obscured by the stamps. The visible words are "Hand", "Public", and "Haiti".



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REPUBLIQUE D'HAÏTI

CE BILLET ÉMIS PAR L'ÉTAT D'HAÏTI, EN VERTU DE LA LOI DU
10 AOÛT 1900, A COURS LÉgal DANS LA RÉPUBLIQUE POUR LA VALEUR DE

CINQUANTE FRANCS

ET NON REMPLACEMENT, EST GARANTI PAR LES IMPÔTS CRÉÉS PAR
LA LOI DU 10 AOÛT 1900, SUR LE REVENUE DU PAYS MOÛNAÏE

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